

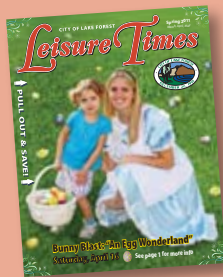
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Lake Forest “7th Safest City”

CQ Press Releases City Crime Rankings

The City of Lake Forest is the 6th lowest crime rate ranking city in America for cities with a population between 75,000 and 99,999, and the 7th lowest crime rate ranking city overall, according to recent CQ Press City Crime Rankings. The survey compares FBI crime statistics among American cities with populations over 75,000. The crime rate rankings of the cities are calculated using six crime categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents that reported crime data to the FBI in the categories noted for calendar year 2009.

Lake Forest has moved up two spots in the rankings for safe cities with a population between 75,000 and 99,999, and three spots in the overall rankings. Chief of Police Services Lieutenant Doug Doyle credits the dedicated Police Services personnel, as well as the support of the community and the City Council, for the low crime rate in Lake Forest. Lt. Doyle reminds residents that “Many of the crimes committed in Lake Forest are preventable crimes of opportunity. Make sure doors to homes and cars are locked and valuable items are not left in plain sight.” Police services are provided by the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, with 55.4 fulltime sworn officers and professional staff assigned to Lake Forest.

CQ Press is a Washington D.C. independent publishing and research group. To view the entire City Rankings list, visit <http://os.cqpress.com/citycrime/2010/citycrime2010-2011.htm>.

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By Michael Varma

CITY MANAGER'S



Message

Get Involved in 2011

Looking for a New Year's resolution for 2011? How about getting involved, or more involved, in your local community? The City hosts a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year for all ages.

If you're a teen, you might consider joining the Students Working & Advising for Government (S.W.A.G.) or the Explorers, a community-based policing program exposing career-oriented young adults to police operations.

Do you love planning parties and events? Then join the Lake Forest 4th of July Parade Committee and help plan a party for the whole city! Or are you an animal lover? Then volunteer with Orange County Animal Care as a dog walker, cat socializer, greeter, or mobile adoption volunteer.

Seniors can join the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS) who partner with Lake Forest Police Services. And volunteers of all ages are always welcome at the Senior Scene Clubhouse to help assist with the Senior Box Lunch Program, Thursday hot lunches, and more.

If you want to learn more about the nuts and bolts of the internal workings of the City, join us for the 2011 Lake Forest Leadership Academy in the fall.

However you choose to get involved, you're contributing to the healthy, connected community that makes Lake Forest a great place to live. Part of our goal as we celebrate the City's 20th anniversary is to pave the way for a bright future, and what better way than by getting involved today. For more information on any of these opportunities, visit the City's website at www.lakeforestca.gov and click on *How Do I ... Volunteer* or give us a call at 461-3400.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

Fair Housing Opportunity is the Law

The City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471. The City cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class.



Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 18
- Tuesday, February 1
- Tuesday, February 15
- Tuesday, March 1

I Love My Lake Forest Park – Village Pond Park

By Michael Varma

Every day I walk from my home office to the Village Pond Park – the perfect refuge for me to take my lunch break. The little lagoon attracts hundreds of migratory birds each year. I see wrens and geese and mallards, oh my! While I dine alfresco, I see the fowl, in their peaceful hide-away habitat.

Often I meet local residents or nearby office workers who have escaped from their daily grinds, too. On Tuesdays and Thursdays a few of us walk around the rim of the pond exercising in pleasant surroundings – several laps and we've walked a mile.

For my wife's and my seventh wedding anniversary, we had a tree planted through Lake Forest's Expand the Forest project. Each time we stroll through the park together, we observe how the tree has grown and blossomed, as has our love for each other.

I love the Village Pond Park because it's a slice of nature with modern conveniences near by: local eateries, grocery store, and best of all, home sweet home.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Thanks for sharing Michael, and we hope you enjoy your goodie basket! If you'd like to share why you love your Lake Forest park, submit an article of 250 words or less and it could be featured in an upcoming issue for all to see. Selected authors will receive a goodie basket filled with all sorts of park-worthy treats! Entries can be dropped off at City Hall or emailed to ParksMakeLifeBetter@lakeforestca.gov. For more information, call 461-3544. See you at the park!



Lake Forest Recognized as One of OC's Best Family Neighborhoods

In their 6th annual survey of Orange County's best family neighborhoods, *ParentingOC* recognized Lake Forest as one of the best places to call home. The factors considered included population, quality of schools, crime rates, and access to parks, pools and kid-friendly enrichment. This is the second year Lake Forest has been recognized as one of the best family-friendly cities.



Read the full story online at
<http://www.parentingoc.com/magazine.html>.

Notice Regarding Annual CDBG Program



The City anticipates that it will receive approximately \$519,030 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 to further development of viable urban communities.

Recommendations for distribution of CDBG funds are selected from a range of eligible activities established by HUD, including housing rehabilitation programs, infrastructure improvements and social service projects/programs (limited to a maximum of 15% of the City's total allocation for a given year). The City Council will review staff recommendation for distribution of the 2011/12 CDBG funds and will also receive public input on this issue at two public meetings scheduled for March 15, 2011 and May 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm. All interested persons and organizations are welcome to attend these meetings that will be a part of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings at Lake Forest City Hall located at 25550 Commercentre Drive.

LAKE FOREST SPORTS PARK UPDATE



One of the most exciting projects on the roster for 2011 is construction of the Lake Forest Sports Park. In response to community feedback, the City is developing a sports park and recreation center on property located northwest of the El Toro Road and Portola Parkway intersection.

A number of significant project milestones have recently been achieved. Through a series of community workshops led by the Community Services Department, residents have shaped the design of the sports park as reflected in the Consensus Master Plan.

To date, the City has acquired 73 acres of land for the Sports Park project, and is working on additional site acquisition. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been released, and is available for public viewing on the City's website and at local libraries. In addition, the City has hired a designer and construction manager, and will be working with the community to finalize design plans. Meeting these milestones brings us one step closer to providing this long-awaited amenity to the community.

For more information on the progress of the Sports Park project, we invite you to participate in the City's 2011 Sports Park Speakers Bureau. Presentations sponsored by the City will be scheduled

throughout the year with interested local groups, including home owners associations, as well as civic and business organizations. To request a presentation for your group (large or small), contact 461-3544 or email hshinheydorn@lakeforestca.gov.

Capital Improvement Projects Update: Alton Parkway Project Update

The Alton Parkway project is moving along on a number of fronts. In addition to foliage being cleared and removed from the project area, the contractor has started excavation of unsuitable materials at the northern end of the project closest to Towne Centre Drive. The contractor has also implemented best management practices for erosion control and water quality in response to the recent rains. Stay tuned for more updates as we close the gap!

*Equipment grading by
Towne Centre Drive.*



TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR SERVICE

Scheduling Permit Inspections Just Got Easier

As part of our Technology at Your Service initiative, the City is excited to offer residents and contractors an easier way to schedule permit inspections using an interactive voice response (IVR) system.

The IVR system is an automated telephone system that provides the community with 24-hour access to inspection-related services. Requests for permit inspections can now be scheduled by calling 888-890-6298. The automated system will prompt users for a 3 digit code that will be included on all permits, along with a preferred date for inspection. Users will also be able to request an appointment confirmation via text, email, or automated phone call.

In addition, users can call the IVR system to access real-time, automated inspection results and permit application status updates.

The new IVR system is another way the City is harnessing the power of technology to maximize efficiency and accessibility while delivering quality services to our community. To speak with a live person for more information, contact Development Services at 461-3495.



Make A Difference In Your Local Environment

Are you contributing to water pollution and water waste? You may not realize that water runoff from your irrigation systems and sprinklers can transport pollutants directly into our local ecosystem and also waste our limited potable water supplies.

When sprinklers spray water on areas without landscaping, such as sidewalks and patio surfaces, or when landscaping is overwatered and the soil becomes saturated, the excess water runoff travels over sidewalks, driveways, streets and gutters picking up pollutants on the way to the storm drain. Pollutants can include motor oil, pesticides, pet wastes, pathogens/bacteria, nitrates, toxic metals, and household chemicals. Unlike the sewer system, the storm drain system does not treat the runoff water which is conveyed directly to our local creeks, lakes, and beaches.

Eliminating irrigation runoff fights pollution, conserves our limited water supplies, and saves money. You can help eliminate irrigation runoff and water waste by doing the following:

1. Do not over-water. Most plants do not need to be watered everyday (especially lawns). A good general rule to follow is to reduce your sprinkler cycle length and increase the number of cycles. Use a water calculator at: <http://www.bewater-wise.com/calculator.html#pagestart>
2. Watch out for misdirected sprinklers – keep water on the plants, not the sidewalk or the street. Also, periodically inspect and fix leaks.
3. Turn off your sprinklers when it rains – use the rain delay on your controller.
4. Please check with your local water districts for information and assistance:
El Toro Water District: <http://www.etwd.com/>
Irvine Ranch Water District: <http://www.irwd.com/>
Trabuco Canyon Water District: <http://www.tcwd.ca.gov/>
Santa Margarita Water District: <http://www.smwd.com/>

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL



*Remember, the Ocean
Begins At Your Front Door.*

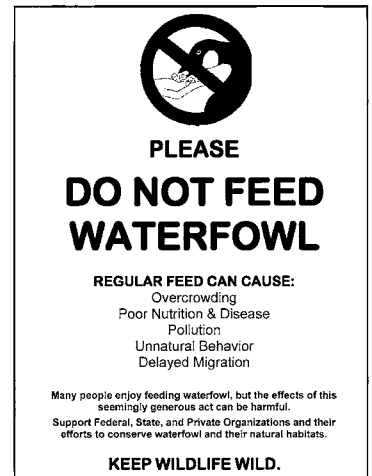
For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

Keep Wildlife Wild at Village Pond Park – Do Not Feed Waterfowl

Village Pond Park is known for being home to several species of waterfowl. Well-meaning visitors to the park often feed bread and other human food to the birds. Unfortunately, this seemingly generous and innocent activity is actually quite harmful, and can cause overcrowding, poor nutrition and disease, unnatural behavior, delayed migration, and pollution. In addition, these negative impacts significantly diminish the aesthetic value and functionality of the park for the community.

Representatives from the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center, based in Huntington Beach, visited the park and confirmed that the regular supply of human food from park patrons over the years has impacted the birds' natural migratory patterns and resulted in an excess number of birds at this location. Working together, we hope to address the problem of overfeeding waterfowl and to continue providing a quality park for the community to enjoy.

Newly installed "Do Not Feed the Waterfowl" signs at Village Pond Park are part of a public education campaign to raise awareness of waterfowl health issues. We encourage all park visitors to take a part in conserving our local waterfowl and their natural habitats – and doing their part to Keep Wildlife Wild. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 461-3401.



SCORE Advisory Board Offers FREE Customized Business Counseling

For most small business owners, finding the time and money to meet with a business coach can be difficult. Combine that with a seasonal up-swing in activity, and getting away becomes nearly impossible. Lake Forest is proud to partner with SCORE to offer Lake Forest businesses access to SCORE's Advisory Board free-of-charge!



SCORE's Advisory Board consists of counselors who have experience and expertise in fields ranging from business planning, financing, management, facility leasing, hiring and training staff, to marketing and sales (including use of the internet and social media networks). During an initial meeting with the business owner, SCORE's Advisory Board identifies the company's specific business needs and matches each business with a counselor that provides customized coaching through one-on-one visits and mentoring.

Eligibility requirements:

- Person requesting assistance must be responsible for operating the business.
- Business must be at least two years old.
- Estimated revenue/gross sales for the coming year must be approximately \$500,000.
- Participants must not be home-based businesses.

Interested? All it takes is an e-mail to get started. Visit SCORE's website (www.score114.org) and select "Counseling." Scroll down and select "Advisory Board." There you'll find the information you need and how to apply for assistance.

Businesses that do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Advisory Board can still take advantage of SCORE's free business counseling sessions. Sessions are offered three times a month at Lake Forest City Hall. Visit the SCORE website or call 714-550-7369 for more details.

Recreation/Events Calendar

Winter 2010-11 (January, February)

JANUARY

***Snow Fest** **29**
 11 am-3:45 pm
 Pittsford Park
 (21701 Pittsford Dr)
 Fee: \$5 per sledder
Pre-registration only.
Wristband purchase
is required prior to this event.

FEBRUARY

Fourth of July Parade Committee Meeting **7**

6 pm
 Lake Forest Community Center
 (25550 Commercentre Dr)
 Fee: Free
 Open to residents who want to help plan the 20th Annual Lake Forest Fourth of July Parade!

Band Nights at the Skatepark **11**

6 pm-10 pm
 Etnies Skatepark
 (20028 Lake Forest Dr)
 Fee: \$5 per person

Fourth of July Parade Logo Design Contest **18**

Submit logo design ideas for the 2011 Parade with the theme "Celebrating Independence on our 20th Birthday."

High resolution .jpgs required by 2/18.

For more info and contest details, contact Ron Rivera, Recreation Coordinator, at 461-3450 or rrivera@lakeforestca.gov

Bunny Blast

"An Egg Wonderland"

Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a hopping good time as we celebrate Bunny Blast: "An Egg Wonderland!"

Enjoy a fun-filled day for the whole family with activities including game booths, crafts, face painting, a balloon artist, and an egg scramble. Delight in the entertainment, including a strolling magician, DJ, and music. And don't forget the Queen of Hearts who will be holding court along with Alice and her Wonderland friends. Don't be late for this very important date!



Photo by: John McGuire

Fee: Free (nominal fee for games, activities and food)

Location: El Toro Park (23701 Los Alisos Blvd)

For more information, call 461-3450.



Register for Spring classes and programs beginning Tuesday, February 15!

For more info call Community Services at 461-3450.



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Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection . . . 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . 461-3410
Code Enforcement 461-3474
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Alicia Reiman, Ron Paulsen, Mark Hoshide, Patrick Pierce, Dan & Joan Parker	Magnolia Tree	Cavanaugh Mini Park	In Loving Memory of Jim Hetrick – You will always be in our hearts
Bruce & Zena Delling, Sandy Viselli, Doug & Dixie Bowersox	Coast Live Oak	Vintage Park	Christopher Sean Long
Patricia A. Lee and John-nie A. Lee	California Sycamore	Peachwood Park	Pamela D. Groom, In Memory Of My Loving Sister
Patricia A. Lee and John-nie A. Lee	California Sycamore	Peachwood Park	Robert T. Dean, "Pop" We Love You Always
Jo Ann Reed	California Sycamore	Ranchwood	In Memory Of Peter Mills, Wonderful Son, Husband, and Friend
Jutta Lofton and Family	California Sycamore	Peachwood Park	In Loving Memory of Michele Lofton 1965-2010

Looking for a Pet? Visit Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" The "Pet of the Week" is a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. A new pet is featured each week, along with an update on the adoption status of the previous Pet of the Week.



Last year there were over 11,000 successful adoptions of dogs, cats and other animals from OC Animal Care. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals that are in need of warm and loving homes. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit them at ocgov.com. www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week